

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in a Special Session on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** *Mayor Johnny Ford.*
2. **INVOCATION.** *Lord's Prayer Repeated In Unison.*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead  
Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II  
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon

The record reflects all members of the Council were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Lee to accept and approve the agenda as circulated. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *NONE.*

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr. RE: Thanks to the City Manager for keeping the City Clean; and announced the Harvest at the Community Garden on Gautier Street

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** *Mayor Johnny Ford.*

Announcements:

1. Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Historical Black Towns and Settlement Alliance: Meeting with Mayors and College Presidents and College Representatives to discuss developing an alliance and a working relationships between towns and gowns between Cities and Colleges to be held on July 9-10, 2015.

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** *NONE.*

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Harvey L. Smith, City Manager.

A. Budget.

B. Loan Application.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to consider the City Manager's recommendation to make a loan application to borrow \$210,000.00 as follows: \$110,000.00 from Tuskegee Federal Credit Union and

\$100,000.00 from Liberty Bank and; repayment to Liberty Bank should be paid back first. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

C. Evaluations: Harvey L. Smith

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to ask Harvey L. Smith to serve as the Interim Financial Director for a four (4) month period on an interim basis at the same salary level, and during that time Council will evaluate him and launch a search for a City Manager full-time. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Moon for James Harper to serve as Interim City Manager for a four (4) month period at the same salary level and; thereafter Council will evaluate him and will also commence with the search for a City Manager full-time. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

D. Announcements:

1. Arthritis Foundation: Walk with Ease – Mon. Wed. & Thurs. 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM, Municipal Complex
2. Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp (June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>)
3. Innovative Readiness Initiative: Military providing free medical services June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup> at Tuskegee Institute Middle School, 1809 Franklin Road, Tuskegee, AL 36088

11. **ORDINANCES.** NONE.

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution Welcoming College Presidents and White House Personnel in support of the efforts of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Historical Black Towns and Settlement Alliance: Meeting with Mayors and College Presidents and College Representatives to discuss developing an alliance and a working relationships between towns and gowns between Cities and Colleges.

Motion was made by Mayor pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to approve a resolution Welcoming College Presidents and White House Personnel in support of the event to be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 2015-69. Resolution Authorizing Loan Application at Tuskegee Federal Credit Union.

Motion was made by Mayor pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to approve a resolution authorizing a loan application for Tuskegee Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$110,000.00 payable in twenty-four monthly installments until paid in full. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-69**

Authorizing Execution of Loan Application with Tuskegee Federal Credit Union

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a loan application and take all necessary action to obtain a loan on behalf of the City of Tuskegee with Tuskegee Federal Credit Union in the sum of \$110,000.00, repayment of the same to be secured by funds in the City's share account existing at said Credit Union and said loan to be paid in t w e n t y - f o u r (24) equal installments beginning on July 1, 2015 and to be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of the following immediately succeeding months until paid in full. It is understood that this action authorizes payment of all fees, interest and other costs reasonably associated with securing the said loan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purpose of this loan is to ensure the City's contribution to finance operations for the City of Tuskegee, Alabama and, in any event, for any lawful purpose deemed in the best interest of the City by the City Manager;

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2015.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Harper, Interim City Manager

- C. Resolution No. 2015-70. Resolution Authorizing Loan Application at Liberty Bank (formerly First Tuskegee Bank)

Motion was made by Mayor pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to approve a resolution authorizing a loan application for Liberty Bank (formerly First Tuskegee Bank) in the amount of \$100,000.00 payable in twenty-four monthly installments until paid in full. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-70**

Authorizing Execution of Loan Application with Liberty Bank (formerly First Tuskegee Bank)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a loan application and take all necessary action to obtain a loan on behalf of the City of Tuskegee with Liberty Bank in the sum of \$100,000.00, repayment of the same to be secured by funds in the City's share account existing at said Liberty Bank and said loan to be paid in twenty-four (24) equal installments beginning on July 1, 2015 and to be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of the following immediately succeeding months until paid in full. It is understood that this action authorizes payment of all fees, interest and other costs reasonably associated with securing the said loan.

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13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** NONE.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

11:30 AM Motion was made by Councilman Lee for Council to enter Executive Session for evaluation of the City Manager. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

12:49 Noon Motion was made by Councilman Lee for Council to end the Executive Session. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

The record reflects that the Council wishes to have a meeting with all department heads and all employees if possible Friday, June 12, 2015 at 9:00 AM for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of cutbacks and having a tight budget; and they need the cooperation of everyone to cut spending and only for necessary requirements to keep the city going and; publicly announce the personnel change.

The record reflects that Council is asking for cooperation with Interim City Manager, Interim Financial Director and the City Clerk in an effort to keep the Council more informed of all activities, events and developments that occur in the City.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Councilwoman Whitehead moved to adjourn at 1:00 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk